



Lowell Joint School District

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Dear Neighbors,
I have lived in our community for decades. I was a custodian and building caretaker for Lowell Joint School District from 1985 until I retired in 2012.
Our neighborhood schools are wonderful, and part of what makes our community so special. These sturdy old buildings all date from the 1950s or 1960s and although they are presentable, the inner workings need updating. Just as any homeowner understands with a 50 or 60 year-old building, upkeep is necessary.
Today, the standards for academics and safety are very different than they were fifty years ago. There is only so much the maintenance team can do to keep up. That's why LJSJSD is considering a local funding measure to repair and update our old neighborhood schools.
Please read inside to find out more, and let school leaders know what you think.
Sincerely,
Brad Miller, 27-year Lowell Schools Custodian, Longtime Whittier Resident



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Please complete the survey on the other side of this card to let us know your priorities for LJSJSD schools.

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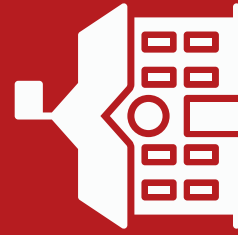


Old Schools, Great Education:

Potential Local Funding Measure to Improve Neighborhood Schools

For more than a century, Lowell Joint School District (LJSD) has served our small community in parts of Whittier, South Whittier, La Habra and La Habra Heights. Our neighborhood schools have test scores that outpace county and state averages, and help strengthen our property values.

Unfortunately, our neighborhood schools are 50 and 60 years old, and need significant repairs and upgrades. That's why the LJSD School Board is considering placing a \$48 million local bond measure on the November 2018 ballot. A potential measure would cost property owners no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value per year, or about \$105 for the typical homeowner.



El Portal Elementary: Established 1961
Jordan Elementary: Established 1958
Macy Elementary: Established 1959
Meadow Green Elementary: Established 1962
Olita Elementary: Established 1959
Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate: Established 1964



A Potential Measure Would:

- Repair leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and failing electrical systems
- Replace wood and support beams that have extensive termite damage and rot
- Renovate classroom facilities so they meet current building and safety standards
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from school sites
- Upgrade classrooms, school facilities and technology to support high-quality instruction in math, science, technology and the arts
- Improve student safety and campus security systems including security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors and fire alarms
- Improve heating, ventilation, air conditioning, insulation and doors to increase energy efficiency
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities

Guaranteed Fiscal Accountability:

- Citizens' oversight, independent audits and a detailed project list to ensure the funds are spent properly
- By law, none of the funds could be spent on administrators' salaries or benefits
- All funds would stay local to support our students and could not be taken by the State

We Want Your Input

Please complete the enclosed survey or complete it online at www.ljسد.org/SafeModernSchools.

Please rate the importance of the following school priorities:

	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
Repair old roofs, plumbing and electrical systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Replace rotten wood and support beams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovate schools to meet current building and safety standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove asbestos and lead paint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upgrade classrooms and technology to support instruction in math, science, technology and the arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve student safety and school security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve old heating and cooling to increase energy efficiency and save money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve access for students with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your feedback will help us shape the future of our schools.

Do you currently have children in LJSD? Yes No
If so, which school site(s)?

Comments/Questions:

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
Phone: _____